

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

**7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740**

RESOLUTION # 100905-05

Recovery of Sacred Object from Field Museum

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“Tribe”) is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, as amended, which exercises sovereign governmental authority over the people, land, and water within its jurisdiction and administers a wide range of governmental programs;

WHEREAS the Tribe seeks to protect and promote its rights to control Tribal ancestral remains and artifacts, wherever they may be currently located, and has standing to submit repatriation requests under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. §3001-13) and regulations (43 C.F.R. Part 10)(“NAGPRA”);

WHEREAS the Field Museum of Natural History (hereinafter “Museum”) has in its possession a pipe (Museum Catalog Number 68555), which the Museum and Tribe have determined to be culturally affiliated with the Tribe;

WHEREAS by Resolution 072504-04 LTBB designated Winnay Wemigwase as its official representative to pursue issues relative to NAGPRA on the Tribe’s behalf;

WHEREAS the Tribe has requested by letter dated March 3, 2003, that the Museum return the pipe to the Tribe;

WHEREAS when the Tribe recovers items under NAGPRA it either re-inters them on Tribal land or permanently preserves them in some other way, and under no circumstances would the Tribe ever offer such items for resale;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that once the Tribe takes possession of the pipe it will never be alienated from possession of the Tribe;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman or his designee is authorized, by and on behalf of the Tribe, to execute a Receipt agreement with the Museum transferring possession of the pipe to the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Secretary, I certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held October 9, 2005 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			
Regina Gasco Bentley				X
Mary Roberts	X			
Rita Shananaquet				X
Alice Yellowbank				X
Dexter McNamara	X			
Shirley Oldman	X			
Melvin L. Kiogima	X			
Beatrice Law	X			

Date: _____

Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1. of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: _____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson